

# Magical Busby as the Wanderers bow out

AFTER a goalless draw at Barking on April 13, they were echoing that well-worn phrase "typical end of season stuff". Now, over a month and seven games later, Wanderers have bowed out of the 1968/69 season with that same phrase having been re-

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peated in rather frustrated tones.

Although the game proved to be full of exciting play the spectators were still suffering from the Wokingham farce two days before and the result was a very disappointing crowd. So much so that the Wanderers have promised to arrange another game for the Parish Church Restoration Fund early next season.

The standard of football in these end of season friendlies is more often than not a sad shadow of the Isthmian League standard. This was one of the few exceptions and that was mainly due to some brilliance from Viv Busby.

Busby was like a footballing magician creating oceans of space for himself and his colleagues and spraying his passes with surprising precision. Rarely before has he raised his game to such heights and it can only be hoped that he will repeat the performance with regularity next season.

It was also an exciting treat to see Temel adventuring up-field from his defensive station and helping in the assault on the Police goal but by half-time the scoreline was still blank.

Baker, Faulkner, Busby and Lailey all came exceptionally close but were thwarted by the agile Dickie in the visitors' goal.

Faulkner was withdrawn at half-time and with Busby moving to centre-forward and Slater being introduced to the wing the attack looked even more formidable.

Fittingly, after six minutes of the second half, it was Busby, gathering on to a loose ball in the area, who slipped the ball past Dickie to open the scoring account.

With the introduction of Slater and the Busby switch, the forward line was wound into a more fluid forward motion and it was only a matter of time



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before Horseman increased the lead following a free-kick in the 65th minute.

With ten minutes to go and another goal looking due, Dickie flew through the air to add to his collection of saves and turn a Horseman shot away for a corner. But seconds later the Wanderers' leading scorer of the season juggled home number three after Busby had paved the way for him.